

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : George E. Mueller et al.  
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SECONDARY PAYLOADS

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**AMENDMENT**

## **INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Commissioner for Patents:

In response to the Office Action dated June 15, 2006, the applicants offer the following remarks: